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DOWNLOADING METHOD, DOWNLOADING
PROGRESS-CONDITION DISPLAY METHOD,
AND UNIT SELECTION METHOD

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Sir:

Prior to examining the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

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Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 3, line 14, delete the first occurrence of "a" before the word "sound".

Page 3, line 14, delete the second occurrence of "a" before the word "text".

Page 7, line 7, insert the word --perform-- before the word "a".

Page 10, line 11, delete the word "a".

Page 11, delete line 9 and insert the following:

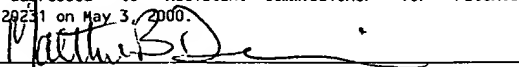
--from being confused or from misunderstanding through presentation of the--.

Page 11, line 12, delete the word "a".

Page 11, line 13, delete the word "is".

Page 12, line 22, delete "display" and insert --displays--.

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